GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:19
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Products on GeM
Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government e-Market place (GeM) portal recently launched and functional for the last six months in consultation with the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D);
(b) whether the Government has received any memorandum demanding some relaxation for items to be marketed through GeM like Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs) and Distribution Boards (DBs);
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the last Rate contract (R/C) for these items has expired in August, 2016 and till date indenters have not been able to place purchase Order and purchase these items after August, 2016 and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the Government has undertaken any remedial steps to reinstate the old practice of R/C for MCBs & DBs and save small manufacturers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 19 FOR ANSWER ON 17TH JULY, 2017
REGARDING "PRODUCTS ON GeM".

(a) to (e): DGS&D with the technical support of NeGD under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has hosted Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal. The GeM portal is an online end to end procurement portal. It was launched on 9th August 2016. The procurement through GeM is governed by rule No.149 of GFR, 2017 and as per GFR, the procurement of Goods or Services by the Ministries or Departments will be mandatory for Goods or Services available on GeM. As on 6th July, 2017, 4517 Government Organizations have registered on GeM for procurement through it. There are 724 product categories in which 38618 products have been offered by 14074 sellers. Besides, 2732 service providers have offered their services in service category.

Yes, the last Rate Contract for Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs) and Distribution Boards (DBs) has expired in August, 2016. However, the indentors can procure these items at competitive rates through GeM in which both of these items are available. GeM supports small manufacturers who can register online without any hassle and can supply to Government organizations. GeM encourages entrepreneurship and enterprise.
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